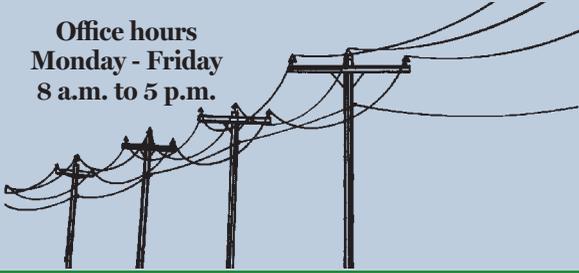


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Your call will be answered by the Cooperative Response Center. Give them the name on your account, service address and a telephone number where you can be reached.

They will dispatch a line crew to restore service.

Be sure to check your fuse or breaker system before reporting a power outage.

Jackpot news!

Neither **April Andrews** of rural Swanton nor **James Plotts** of rural McClure reported spotting their hidden account number in the September issue of *Country Living*. Had either done so, they would have won half the jackpot and received a check for \$50.

Your account number is on your bill statement. Disregard the zeros at the left in the number, but consider any zeros to the right when converting your number to words.

The hidden account numbers always are in Tricounty's local pages of the magazine. The jackpot now stands at \$80. So read *Country Living*, find your hidden account number, report it and win!

Happy Thanksgiving!



Tricounty Rural Electric Cooperative wishes you and your family a happy, safe and bountiful Thanksgiving.

**Our office will be closed
Thursday, Nov. 26, and Friday, Nov. 27.**

**EMERGENCY SERVICE ALWAYS IS AVAILABLE
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See inside pages for highlights of your 78th Annual Meeting.



Stable rates among highlights *at Tricounty REC annual meeting*

MEMBERS OF TRICOUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE heard some positive financial news, learned of challenges facing their cooperative and chose two of their own to serve on the board of trustees at Tricounty's 78th Annual Meeting Sept. 16 at Delta High School.

"We have managed to go another year without a rate adjustment, and Tricounty has only had one rate increase in the last five years," General Manager Brett Perkins told the group of 350 members and guests at the meeting. "We continue to have one of the lowest, if not the lowest rate in the state of Ohio."

Tricounty had a \$1.1 million margin for the fiscal year that ended on May 31, a 15 percent increase over the previous year.

Those margins are allocated to members based on their electric use and are returned to members as the cooperative's finances allow. In the previous year, more than \$600,000 was returned to members.

Board President Steven Hoffman announced another \$422,000 would be retired in December to members who received service from Tricounty in 2000.

"Since 1950, \$15.8 million has been returned to you, our member-owners," Hoffman said.

Hoffman noted more than \$350,000 was invested in maintenance and tree trimming in the previous year. One Eight Four nine Zero Zero Three

"Our maintenance and tree trimming programs are vital for Tricounty supplying you with the reliable power you've come to expect," Hoffman said.

While Tricounty's employees and board of trustees work locally to provide

reliable, affordable electricity to the cooperative's members, new regulations from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are putting that at risk, said Bill Roberts, vice president of finance for Buckeye Power, the power supplier for Ohio's electric cooperatives.

The EPA has released the final version of what it calls the Clean Power Plan, which aims to reduce carbon dioxide emissions coming from the U.S. power sector.

(Left) Greg Steyer, CPA



General Manager Brett Perkins



President Steven Hoffman



Secretary-Treasurer Bradley Haupricht



Kenneth Brubaker (District VI) and Marvin Green (District I) were elected to four year terms on the board of trustees.

“Buckeye Power completed a 10-year environmental upgrade project at your generating plants that has resulted in best-in-class environmental performance,” Roberts said, noting the equipment installed removes 95 percent of sulfur dioxide, 90 percent of nitrogen oxide and 85 percent of mercury.

“While we have some of the cleanest coal-fired generation in the world, to some that seems to not be enough,” he added. “These new rules will increase your electric bills with only very minimal improvements to the environment.”

Perkins confirmed that expectation. “The end result of this plan will cause an increase in your electric bill,” he said.

In other business, two spots on the Tricounty Board of Trustees were up for election at the meeting.

Ken Brubaker of Bartlow Township in Henry County was re-elected to serve District VI. Marvin Green of Swan Creek Township in Fulton County was elected to serve District I.

Green replaces Hoffman, who is leaving the board because of term limits. Five One Two Four One Zero Zero

Hoffman was presented with a gift for his 12 years of service on the board. During that time, Hoffman attended 143 board meetings and numerous committee meetings, training sessions and conferences, he was Tricounty’s voting delegate at many state and national meetings.

“I think you would agree, Mr. Hoffman has served the membership and Tricounty well,” Perkins said.

The meeting wrapped up with the awarding of door prizes, including tickets to an upcoming Cleveland Indians game.

Tricounty Rural Electric Cooperative is a member-owned, not-for-profit electric distribution cooperative serving 4,400 members in Henry, Fulton, Putnam, Wood, and Lucas counties. ☺



Bill Roberts, Buckeye Power



General Manager Brett Perkins, left, presents Steven Hoffman with a meter lamp in recognition of 12 years of service on the board of trustees. He was board president for six years.



See page 22 for more photos from the Annual Meeting!



2015 *Annual Meeting* of Members



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